

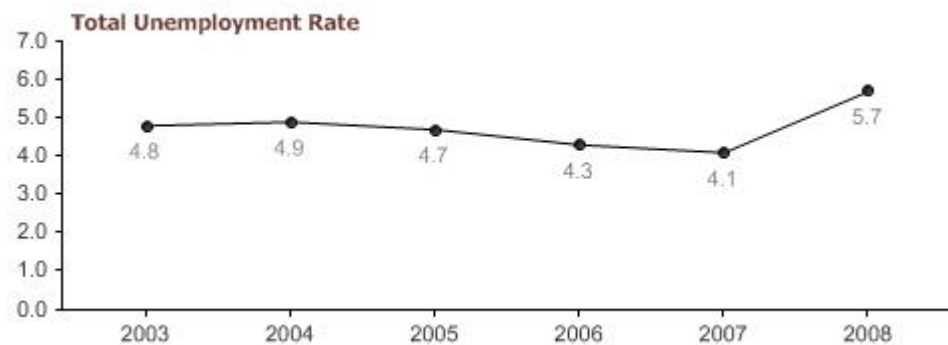
Wells County, IN Highlights

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2008

| | Number | Pct. Chg. from 2000 |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Labor Force | 14,750 | -1.4% |
| Employed | 13,916 | -4.8% |
| Unemployed | 834 | 137.6% |
| Rate | 5.7 | 147.8% |



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

| | Labor Force | Emp. | Unemp. | Area Rate | State Rate |
|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|
| 1998 | 14,946 | 14,598 | 348 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 1999 | 14,724 | 14,394 | 330 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 2000 | 14,963 | 14,612 | 351 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 2001 | 14,822 | 14,252 | 570 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 2002 | 14,810 | 14,185 | 625 | 4.2 | 5.2 |
| 2003 | 14,888 | 14,179 | 709 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 2004 | 14,789 | 14,058 | 731 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 2005 | 14,839 | 14,139 | 700 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| 2006 | 15,026 | 14,382 | 644 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| 2007 | 14,731 | 14,121 | 610 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| 2008 | 14,750 | 13,916 | 834 | 5.7 | 5.9 |

